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Judge Outlines Achievements of Traffic Courts in California

Achievements in procedure of California's traffic courts were explained to the Torrance Traffic Safety Council this week by Judge Donald Armstrong, judge of division 3, South Bay Municipal Court.

"I think we people in California should be proud that we are ahead of most states in the way our courts operate and are conducted," the judge said.

HE CITED as an example the procedure for a moving traffic violation. The police officer puts on the ticket the time and place the motorist is to appear and the motorist is given the privilege of signing the citation. This is a privilege not many states extend and it means the motorist does not have to appear before a judge at the time the ticket is given, the judge said.

"If you feel you have disobeyed the law you can post bail and that's it. I don't fine more or less if you come before me and plead guilty, so if you're going to plead guilty you might as well post bail," the judge added.

IF THE motorist does decide to appear before the judge he is advised that he is entitled to counsel and to have the charges read to him. He then

pleads to the charge and if he pleads innocent he is advised that he is entitled to a jury trial. "As far as I am concerned you won't be charged one cent more if you are found guilty by jury," he said.

The judge went on to explain that more people appear in traffic and small claims

courts than all other courts combined. From 25 to 30 million people a year appear in traffic court.

"WE MUST make every effort," Judge Armstrong said, "to conduct our courts with dignity so that people will have respect for the law. We

should see that courts have adequate quarters. Our court rooms are adequate here in South Bay. I feel my court room is the finest in Los Angeles County."

It is mandatory in California that judges wear a robe. He explained that the reason for standing up in the courtroom when a judge enters is to show respect for the office and not the particular man.

Judge Armstrong spoke to the council at a noon luncheon Monday at 1925 W. Carson St.

Booster Ball Set for Dec. 8

The Lollipop Booster Ball scheduled for Dec. 8 is the Booster Club's first endeavor to raise funds to build a theater and community center in Manhattan Beach. The club is composed of parents of children enrolled in the Lollipop Theater children's drama workshop.

A live orchestra, door prizes and a midnight supper and champagne punch will be featured at the dance which will be held at the Property Owners Hall, 1560 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Tickets are \$2.50 per person.

For reservations call Mrs. Cormack, FR 2-0841, Mrs. Platt, FR 4-7747; Mrs. Rothlein, 374-1309.

Garden Checklist

1. Garden cleanup is your assurance against overwintering pests and diseases. Rake up fallen leaves and uproot faded annuals. You can throw healthy plant material on the compost, but burn any that is diseased.
2. Prepare planting holes for soon-to-be planted roses, fruit trees, and other deciduous plants. Mix steer manure and bone meal in the soil.
3. Give house plants a "shower" by syringing dust off the leaves. Shop for new house plants to keep you busy during the winter months.
4. Annuals may still be planted for late winter bloom. Try calendulas, Iceland poppies, pansies and fair primroses.
5. Do not forcibly separate tuberous begonia bulbs from the plant when they die back. Wait until a gentle tug will do the job.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Thick, black substance
- 4-Iranian
- 8-Peruse
- 12-Frozen water
- 13-Old Greek athletic contest
- 14-Wooden shaft
- 15-To allow
- 16-Handbags
- 18-Concerning
- 20-To build
- 21-Contagious
- 23-Narrates
- 25-Islandic writings
- 27-Built pulse
- 28-To soak
- 31-Looked slyly
- 32-City in Switzerland
- 35-Small boy
- 36-Nothing
- 38-Hands out
- 39-Paths
- 41-Valves
- 42-To scamper
- 43-Red lines
- 44-Abbreviated
- 45-Man's name
- 46-Toward sheltered side
- 48-To want
- 49-To contend with
- 50-Singing voice
- 55-Weird
- 57-Printer's measure (pl.)

DOWN

- 1-Resume
- 2-High card
- 3-Hindered
- 4-To peel
- 6-Finnish
- 8-Invaded
- 9-Southern blackbird
- 9-Urges on
- 9-Species of cabbage
- 10-Fish sauce
- 11-Bird's home
- 11-Flamingo
- 19-At
- 21-Touched
- 22-Mental image
- 24-To fall behind
- 26-Lawmaking body
- 28-Comparative
- 29-Smooth
- 30-Soviet news agency
- 32-Norse
- 37-Lease holder
- 38-Ore deposit
- 40-Steep
- 42-Cloture
- 43-African tree
- 44-Possessive pronoun
- 45-Whirlpool
- 48-Compass point
- 50-Border
- 51-Roman bronze

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